

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for altering a digital camera display to facilitate readability, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying at least one menu item on a display screen;
- (b) determining whether a user has selected a menu item;
- (c) determining whether an impaired vision mode is set;
- (d) if the impaired vision mode is set, magnifying the selected menu item for a predetermined set time; and
- (e) if the selected menu item is magnified and the predetermined set time has elapsed, automatically returning the selected menu item to its original size.

Claim 2 (canceled): The method of claim 1, wherein the selected menu item is magnified for a set time and then returned to its original size.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined set time may be determined by the user.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the user selects a menu item by maneuvering a marker over the menu item.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein the marker is an arrow.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one menu item comprises at least one of an operation mode menu, a flash menu, a focusing menu, a focusing mark menu, a charge state menu, or a white balance menu.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (a1) determining whether a shutter button has been pressed to a first stage
- (a2) if the shutter button has been pressed to [[aa]] the first stage, performing photographing operation control

(a3) if the shutter button has not been pressed to the first stage, proceeding to step (b).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 7, wherein a signal is generated if the shutter button is pressed to ~~[[aa]]~~ the first stage.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

~~([[e]] f)~~ if the impaired vision mode is not set, displaying the selected menu item at normal size.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one menu item relates to one item in a main menu.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 10, wherein the main menu comprises at least one of a basic setting menu, a memory card setting menu, a picture setting menu, or a photographing setting menu.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one menu item comprises at least one of a reset menu, a memory card format menu, an output sound setting, a power control menu, a sleep mode setting menu, or a file setting menu, and the main menu item is a basic setting menu.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for altering a digital camera display to facilitate readability, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether an impaired vision mode is set;

displaying at least one menu item on a display screen; and

if the impaired vision mode is set, automatically sequentially magnifying and displaying each menu item.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising the initial steps of:

determining whether a shutter button has been pressed to a first stage;

if the shutter button has been pressed to ~~[[aa]]~~ the first stage, proceeding with the remaining steps;

determining whether a memory card has sufficient available memory to store a photograph;

if the memory card does not have sufficient available memory, displaying a message indicating the lack of sufficient available memory and terminating the procedure;

if the memory card does have sufficient available memory, proceeding with the remaining steps;

executing automatic white balance;

executing automatic exposure; and

executing automatic focusing.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising the subsequent steps of:

determining whether a shutter button has been pressed to a first stage;

if the shutter button has been pressed to ~~[[a]]~~ the first stage, proceeding with the remaining steps;

determining whether the shutter button has been pressed to a second stage;

if the shutter button has been pressed to ~~[[aa]]~~ the second stage, proceeding with the remaining steps;

executing a photograph;

compressing image data;

generating a compressed image file; and

storing the image file in a recording medium.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the recording medium is a memory card.